(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

(g) and (h) Whenever any unethical practice requiring action comes to the notice of the Delhi High Court, appropriate action in accordance with the Rules is taken.

सौराष्ट्र में उच्च न्यायालय की न्यायपीठ की स्थापना

3184. श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात के सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ क्षेत्र में उच्च न्यायालय की एक न्यायपीठ की स्थापना करने हेतु केंद्र सरकार द्वारा अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है;

(ख) सरकार को अब तक इस क्षेत्र के विभिन्न संगठनों, सामाजिक संस्थाओं, स्थानीय वकीलों और विधायकों से कितने अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या सौराष्ट्र-कच्छ में उच्च न्यायालय की न्यायपीठ की स्थापना करने के लिए इस क्षेत्र के एक केंद्रीय स्थल राजकोट पर विचार किया जा रहा है?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज): (क) से (घ) सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र के लिए गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय की न्यायपीठों की स्थापना किए जाने की बाबत समय-समय पर अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं। किंतु इस संबंध में गुजरात सरकार से, गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय के मुख्य न्यायमूर्ति के परामर्श से, कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। जब तक ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं होता, केंद्रीय सरकार द्वारा कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जाती है।

Assembly Elections without voters' Identity cards

3185. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHATA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Assembly elections due after 1st January, 1995 are likely to be held without the voters' Identity cards;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the remarks of Supreme Court and of the public opinion that Government are not interested in issuance of identity cards;

(c) whether expenditure required for issue of identity cards is likely to be less than half a percent of Government expenditure;

(d) if so, the reasons that for several decades identity cards were not issued; and

(e) who is competent to issue identity cards, Chief Election Commissioner or Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & CO. AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Government hopes that such a situation would not arise.

(b) Government is not aware of any such remarks having been made by the Supreme Court. Besides, Government has already agreed, in principle, too the issuance of Photo Identiy Cards.

(c) and (d) Though the estimated expenditure an issuance of Photo Identity Cards is around Rs. 1650/-crores which may by itself be a fraction of the total budgeted expenditure of the Central and State Governments, the cost factor has been a constraint on issuance of Identity Cards. Moreover, the scheme when earlier tried is Sikkim, Nagaland and certain areas of Meghalaya did not prove to be a success and the Election Commission, on review, had decided in 1982 not to extend the scheme.

(e) Under election law, after a constituency has been notified by Election Commission, Electoral Registration Officer is required to arrange for issuance of Photo Identity Cards.

Cases referred to Supreme Court

3186. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: